PRESIDENT: I think there has been some mistake about it. Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai says that he has got a scheme that there should be a sanitary assistant for every pakuthi or population of 10000, and that such a scheme is under consideration of Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the Government intends to start it?

PRESIDENT: That is exactly what cannot be asked, as it relates to future action.

Malaria in Pathanamthitta taluk and Peermade.

370. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the prevalence of malaria in Konni and other areas in Pathanamthitta taluk and also in Peermade; and

(*b*) what measures they have taken to combat the spread of this epidemic?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A *copy of the press note dated 7-7-45 issued by Government detailing the measures taken in the matter is laid on the table.

Malaria relief.

371. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether Pipready-to-spray insecticide is being used now in connection with malaria relief?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes.

Attack of malaria and typhoid in Minachil.

372 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of people who were attacked by malaria and typhoid during this year 1120 in the taluk of Minachil and how many died; and

(*b*) what are the measures adopted to prevent the epidemics?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI:

(*a*)

Malaria	Attacks	...	6,525
	Deaths	...	11
Typhoid	Attacks	...	36
	Deaths	...	4

(*b*) For the control of malaria, distribution of Quinine is carried on by the field staff of the Public Health Department by house to house visit. 5 treatment centres have been started in the affected localities for the purpose.

For the control of typhoid, anti-typhoid inoculations are carried out. 545 inoculations were done by the field staff so far during this year.

Outbreak of malaria.

373 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the outbreak of a serious type of malaria in the eastern pakuthies of Tiruvalla taluk;

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(*b*) whether they are aware that in almost all the houses in the affected area, there are malaria patients;

(*c*) whether they have considered the desirability of opening a dispensary for the eastern parts of Tiruvalla taluk to give immediate relief to malaria patients; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the public are heartily co-operating with the department in carrying out the preventive measures?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In the localities actually infected a high percentage of the population is affected.

(*c*) Sixteen treatment centres have been opened. In addition a malaria dispensary at Ezhumattoor has been sanctioned.

(*d*) Yes.

Outbreak of Malaria.

374. ***MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) which are the malaria stricken pakuthies in the Changanacherry and Peermade taluks;

(*b*) the number of deaths on account of malaria in each of these pakuthies; and

(*c*) the nature of relief measures adopted in the case of each of these pakuthies?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) A *statement containing the information required is placed on the table.

(*c*) Eleven malaria treatment centres have been opened in the Changanacherry taluk in the pakuthies specified, and distribution of Quinine mixture and Quinine tablets to malarial patients is carried out by the Sanitary Assistants of the Department. In Peermade, besides distributing Quinine through the Sanitary Assistants, emergency spraying of houses in Azhutha, Kumili and in the Mettus is adopted.

Smallpox.

375. ***MR. S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI** (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the attack of smallpox has taken an epidemic form in different areas of the State;

(*b*) which are the areas that are severely thus affected, and the number of attacks with the percentage of fatalities during the quarter ending with 31-1-1945;

(*c*) whether they have taken any special steps to combat the attack in these areas and if so, what are they; and

(*d*) if so, whether any special steps have been taken to deal with that situation in specific areas and what are they?

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